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YKL-40 AS A MARKER AND PROGNOSTIC INDICATOR FOR CANCERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides methods for detecting cancers and for evaluating the prognosis of cancer patients. In particular, the methods of this invention utilize YKL-40 as a marker for the presence or absence of a cancer and for the prognosis (*e.g.* likelihood of recurrence) of a cancer. Elevated levels of YKL-40 are indicative of the presence of a cancer in undiagnosed subjects and indicate likely recurrence of the cancer in subjects diagnosed as having a cancer.

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